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SUBJ: CARTER, JIMMY PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

- 1. MINISTER FOR PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS REGINALD TOWNSEND PHONED AMBASSADOR AT 1815 HOURS TODAY (TUESDAY, 28 MARCH) TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA IS DECLARING MONDAY, 3 APRIL A NATIONAL HOLIDAY IN HONOR OF THE VISIT OF PRESIDENT CARTER.
- 2. TOWNSEND SAID PRESIDENT TOLBERT AND THE ENTIRE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF LIBERIA WISH TO SEND THE CLEAREST SIGNAL OF THEIR JOY AT HAVING A VISIT OF THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT TO THE CAPITOL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF LIBERIA.

COMMENT: GOL IS DETERMINED TO PULL ALL STOPS TO DEMONSTRATE AS CONVINCINGLY AS IT CAN ITS AFFECTION FOR BOTH PRESIDENT CARTER AND FOR THE U.S. DECLARING A NATIONAL HOLIDAY WILL DRAMATICALLY INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SPECTATORS EXPECTED TO LINE THE ROUTE FROM ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO MONROVIA.

- 3. BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE THE GOL ATTACHES TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT TO MONROVIA, PRESIDENT TOLBERT INSISTS ON A PLAYING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEMS AND THE 21-GUN SALUTE. MAYOR DAVID WILL ALSO PRESENT A GOLDEN KEY TO THE CITY UPON ENTRANCE TO THE MANSION BUT THERE WILL BE NO REPEAT NO ACCOMPANYING SPEECH.
- 4. THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA HAS NEVER DECLARED A NATIONAL HOLIDAY FOR THE ARRIVAL OF A HEAD OF STATE. CARTER

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